

2016 Nevada FFA State Officer Candidate Hot Topics

Stand and Deliver and Composition Activity Hot Topics:

One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Stand and Deliver practicum. Each candidate will be expected to present an extemporaneous speech on a category relevant to FFA, agriculture, or the American education system. A separate topic will be chosen by the State Staff to be used in the Composition Practicum. All candidates will complete a written essay on a topic relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essay is focused on student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in a different way than allowed through multiple-choice questions. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

FFA Topics:

- Lowering the cost of being an active FFA student
- Cultivating a service attitude in FFA programs
- Involving the community in local chapters

Agricultural Education Topics:

- Encouraging more diverse SAE projects among students
- Connecting students to agriculture industry
- Classroom community: Integrating curriculum for traditional and non-traditional students.

Agriculture Topics:

- Pollinator Health
- The Current State of the Meat Market: COOL, Antibiotics, & Price
- Meeting consumer demand to know how food is produced

Facilitation Hot Topics:

The purpose of this round is to evaluate the candidate's ability to plan and facilitate a 5 to 10-minute portion of a student workshop in front of a realistic audience. Candidates will be given a set of key points about a topic chosen by the nominating committee. It will be the candidate's responsibility to use the materials provided for them to plan, craft and implement appropriate methods for engaging the audience and addressing the key points. One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Facilitation practicum. Each topic additionally has a title of the workshop that will be presented. The candidate will not know the specific audience or situation until they enter the preparation room.

Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

- Emotional Growth- "Are your emotions running the show?"
- Self Confidence- "Starting with me."
- Social Media- "Stuck in the web."
- Knowing your Purpose- "It Starts with Me"
- Taking Action- "Takes me, we, you"